AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 1735
OFFERED BY MR. PIERLUISI OF PUERTO RICO

Page 76, after line 5, insert the following:

SEC. 325. PERFORMANCE OF FIREFIGHTING AND SECURITY-GUARD FUNCTIONS AT ROTHR SITE, VIEQUES ISLAND, PUERTO RICO.

(a) Sense of Congress.—It is the Sense of Congress that—

(1) the nature of, and operations at, the Relocatable Over-the-Horizon Radar (ROTHR) facility on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico is, or is the functional equivalent of, a Government-owned but privately operated installation, otherwise commonly referred to in Federal acquisition regulations as a Government-owned, contractor operated installation;

(2) the exception to the prohibition on contracts for performance of firefighting and security-guard functions provided by paragraph (2), subsection (b), section 2465, title 10, United States Code, for contracts to be carried out on a Government-owned but privately operated installation applies to the
ROTHR facility on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico;

(3) the Department of the Navy should make every reasonable effort to hire local residents of Vieques for employment at the ROTHKR facility on the island, including for security-guard functions that the Department may require at the facility; and

(4) in the event that the Department of the Navy elects to convert performance of security-guard functions at the Vieques ROTHKR facility from contract positions to federal civilian positions, the Department should avail itself of all authorities and discretion to hire qualified residents of Vieques who have performed those same functions at the facility as contract employees.

(b) EXPRESS AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT.—The Secretary of the Navy may enter into a contract for the performance of firefighting and security-guard functions at the Relocatable Over-the-Horizon Radar (ROTHR) site on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico.

(c) INAPPLICABILITY OF LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Section 2465 of title 10, United States Code, shall not apply with respect to the authority provided in subsection (b).